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**Leslie Clan Chief, the Honourable Alexander Leslie at the  
2010 Loch Norman, Clan Leslie Gathering.**

## **2012 CLAN LESLIE GATHERING, NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES, LOON MOUNTAIN RESORT**

The Clan Leslie Gathering is coming to the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain on September 21 to 23. The Clan Leslie Chief, the Hounorable Alexander Leslie and his wife Francesca will be attending. Take this opportunity to meet your Clan Chief and have a good time with other Leslies, Abernathys, Moores, Carneys and Laings. The details of the Leslie Gathering and the registration form are attached as a separate file.

This year, we are also inviting Leslies from Australia and New Zealand to attend the Gathering. The Commissioner, Clan Leslie North America, William Leslie and the CLSI Chieftain, David Leslie White as well as members of the CLSI Council will also be there to meet you and discuss any Clan Leslie ideas or issues that you have. Please read the entire package that Laura Messing has prepared for you, register and book your rooms as soon as possible. Registration Form, page 15, at the end of this newsletter.

## LESLIE'S RETREAT: A FOOTNOTE TO AMERICAN HISTORY



Based on information supplied by Robert E. Leslie, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania (1992)

"Leslie's Retreat – Grub and Pub," located at 96 North Street, Salem, Massachusetts, is a modest, good and friendly restaurant. Its menu is described as varied New England and Italian fares; the décor is of the Revolutionary period. It stands on the site where American Colonial fighters first confronted British regular troops, which occurred on February 26, 1775. The British troops were commanded by Col. Alexander Leslie, son of the Earl of Leven.

Earlier, as reprisal for the Boston Tea Party, the British blockaded the port of Boston whereupon the center of Massachusetts shipping moved to Salem, which was an active center of Colonial discontent. The defense of Salem was important to the Colonials and military supplies including some canon, were hiding in the area. Militia such as the Marblehead Minutemen were raised and trained in warfare. When the British Command in Boston learned of this, it dispatched the military transport "Lively" carrying troops of the 764 Regiment, under Colonel Leslie to Salem to bring this situation under control.

The "Lively" arrived, quietly dropping anchor off Marblehead, to take Salem by surprise. It was a raw, cold morning. Most of the population were at church, so there was a real Sabbath calm. The soldiers were disembarked and with fixed bayonets marched on Salem to confiscate the "Rebels" arms, canon and ammunition. However, some non-churchgoing Marbleheaders were about, watched the troops land and rushed off to give the alarm. A Colonial Major Pedrick mounted his fastest horse and rode hell-for-leather to Salem to warn the people, most of whom were at church, where alarm bells were rung. The North River drawbridge was raised to prevent the British from crossing it and finding the cannon, and all barges and boats removed for the same reason. Meanwhile Col. Leslie and his troops were marching along unaware that the Marblehead militia had formed up and was following behind him.

When Leslie arrived in Salem, he found the town in turmoil. Hastily assembled militia and hundreds of citizens had gathered to protect the bridge. Leslie's demands to lower the bridge were refused. The crowd grew larger and the situation became increasingly heated and excited with the crowd shouting insults and taunting the British. There are varied reports as to what happened next. According to one, a Salemite, named Joseph Wicker, was jabbed by a bayonet when he refused to move out of the way. According to another, a young Marbleheader alone and with his sword disarmed six British regulars, probably a patriotic exaggeration. When things reached crisis level Leslie is said to have ordered his troops to prepare to fire. At this point the Salem militia captain yelled at Leslie, "You better be damned than fire – if you fire you are all dead men." In truth, Leslie and his men were completely surrounded by militiamen and an angry mob. Being a reasonable Scot, he thereupon worked out and accepted a compromise solution. The bridge was lowered, the British marching across without hindrance or looking for the cannon, turned around and marched back to the ship between files of Marblehead Minutemen who had come up from the rear. Not a shot was fired, no one was hurt and this was "Leslie's Retreat," commemorated now by the restaurant of that name which gives its guests paper place mats with the story of the event. Two months later, on April 19, 1775, a like incident at Lexington and Concord, witnessed by a Major Leslie of the British Army, ended with the "Shot heard around the world." The American Revolution was only two months away.

**David Leslie White**

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## MY CONNECTION TO BALQUHAIN CASTLE

In June of 1989, my daughter Libby had just graduated from Douglass Collage, the women's college of Rutgers University, with a BFA in theater lighting and design. She and her best friend, Dina, a new graduate from Binghamton College, had planned to celebrate their "freedom from a tedious tutelary " by an adventure in the Celtic lands. An Irish nursing colleague of mine offered them the cottage that had belonged to his family for generations and was at that time being shared among himself and his five siblings for vacations. It was empty the week that Libby and Dina planned to be in Ireland, and so they used it for their base of operations. This lovely windfall enabled them to use their hard-earned funds elsewhere, so they decided to travel up the "Whiskey Trail" during their time in Scotland, stopping at any Leslie site they got near. Dina, with nary a Scottish gene to claim, had a splendid time, having previously agreed to follow Libby's meanderings in search of family connections and the finest 'wee dram' to be had, not necessarily in that order...



The girls, with the help of a good map and directions from kind residents in the vicinity, eventually found Balquhain Castle, arriving simultaneously with a number of tourists and their guide. Not wanting to "mooch" on the guide's talk, but still wishing to hear something about Balquhain, Libby and Dina hung at the fringes of the group to listen. The guide noticed the two young Americans standing nearby, invited them forward and inquired as to their purpose in visiting Balquhain. Libby explained the family connections through her maternal line, and said that she had wanted to see where her Leslie ancestors had lived. Upon hearing this, the guide reached down and picked up two small white quartz stones lying next to the castle wall, each of which still had some of the ancient mortar clinging to it. He presented these to Libby and said "These are for your mother. Tell her to come home soon." I keep those little stones on my personal altar and will always treasure them.

Samantha Gray, Chaplain, CLSI

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## THE FREENS O REID HARLAW AND ST. ANDREW'S DAY PARADE, INVERURIE, NOVEMBER 27, 2011 THE FREENS O REID HARLAW

By Albert Thomson

***At Harlaw, his way was barr'd.  
For, led by the Earl o' Mar,  
Brave Keith and Forbes took guard,  
And there in the van were the Leslies.***

The Flower O' The Leslies – Andy Brownlie

On 24<sup>th</sup> July 1411 at the Battle of Harlaw the Leslies suffered grievously. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle, the Sair Field o Reid Harlaw was a cold place with dark clouds dashing across a grey sky with the occasional glimpse of deep blue behind. The Pley Fauld (the site of the battle) before the commemoration was a lonely, foreboding place with the wind moaning as it whipped around the century old monument standing proud in memory of those who fought that fateful day. Every now and then the sky brightened, short bursts of sunlight reaching down towards the monument, reflecting off the new and brightly painted crests that, at long last adorned the structure. Crests representing the City of Aberdeen, the Earl of Mar, Irvine of Drum, Clan Donald, Clan Maclean and Clan Davidson.

The Harlaw Monument looked spectacular with the bright colourful crests glistening against the grey, atmospheric background of dark skies and Bennachie. But the monument was not quite complete. Where, oh where, was the crest of Sir Andrew Leslie of Balquhain? This was a sad omission. The anniversary was marked by a number of events including a Dedication Service led by Reverend Brian Dobby at Chapel of Garioch Church. The service marked the occasion but included the unveiling of the Leslie's Cross to replace the original which once stood on the battlefield. The original has been lost in time, being erected in memory of the six sons of Sir Andrew Leslie of Balquhain and other Leslies killed at the battle.

The event was organised by David C. Leslie who restored Leslie Castle in the 1980's. Clan Leslie members from Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand joined their British counterparts at the service and unveiling ceremony. To mark the occasion, a new song, 'The Flower o' the Leslies' was sung in church. Written by Andy Brownlie it was sung by Mad Jocks and Englishmen and copies of the CD were available afterwards.

While numerous events were held to commemorate the battle, I felt that an opportunity had been missed to do more to keep the memory of this remarkable event alive and be better understood not only locally but in Scotland as a whole. I felt the time had come to do more than simply recognise the anniversary of the battle but to maintain the impetus amongst those who contributed to the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremonies. To this end, working with David C. Leslie who was recently appointed Baron Baillie of Balquhain and Jim McQuiston, an American historian and singer/songwriter, we have set up the Freens o Reid Harlaw for those who have a genuine interest in the history surrounding the battle. While we are primarily a social group and intend to meet three or four times annually, that



should not exclude anyone simply by distance, especially with access to the worldwide web. We have a website managed by Jim McQuiston with a growing members section providing updated research, information, music, lyrics, ballads and details of places associated with the battle.

Already there are articles on the Turing Stone, Drum Stone, Kinkell Kirk and the incised slab of Gilbert de Greenlaw. A number of new and exciting articles are in the pipeline regarding the respective armies. This will take a little time as the information passed to me is huge and I am really excited about this. These tie in with one of our aims, that of being a repository of information and research about the battle and will only be available in the members' section. Another aim is to hold an annual dinner and dedication service on the closest weekend to the battle. Our first event will be at Pittodrie House Hotel near Chapel of Garioch on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July with the service the following day. The dinner will be a formal affair with a touch of tartan. David C. Leslie will speak on the story behind the Leslie's Cross while a second speaker has been approached and we hope to have that confirmed soon. The dinner is limited to 40 people and anyone interested or becoming a member should contact [albertthomson@btinternbet.com](mailto:albertthomson@btinternbet.com). Annual membership is £10 for an



**David C. Leslie & Albert A. Thomson  
St Andrews Day Parade**

individual and £15 for a family.

We already have a growing membership with David C. Leslie elected as Chairman. The Freens also managed to be represented at the St Andrews Parade in Inverurie. Although we are a young organisation, we hope over time to further develop our research and raise funds to publish

books on the battle that would be aimed at children. This would help future generations be better informed about their history. We also want to bring alive Sir Andrew Leslie the Red Robber Baron of Balquhain, Red Hector of the

Battles and others through 'living history' with re-enactment groups such as

Medieval Realm. In time, we would also like to be in a position to support field research at Harlaw and other locations associated with the battle such as Braco Chapel, the resting place of Sir Andrew Leslie.

#### **Albert A. Thomson BA, MICPEM**

A retired Police Officer, Albert is a Burgess of Guild of the City of Aberdeen. He is also a member of the Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation, a trade open to people with an interest in keeping the history and traditions of the craft alive. As such he is a Burgess of Trade of the City of Aberdeen. Albert is also a member of the Clan MacThomas Society and the Clan Chattan Association. Clan Chattan fought at Harlaw, alongside Donald, Lord of the Isles. With his wife Linda, Albert stays a short distance from the battlefield of Reid Harlaw.



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#### **A SEARCH FOR LESLIE FAMILY HISTORY IN BARBADOS**

On page 186 in the *Grip Fast: The Leslies in History* by A. L. Klieforth, there is mention of a William Leslie of Kincaigie who in 1653 was sent for his protection to Barbados to serve as rector for St. John's Church. The tablet mentioned in the book is pictured in this article. Imagine my grandfather as a young man traveling across the island from his home in Bridgetown to the church and looking up at the tablet wondering if this William Leslie was his ancestor.

Our journey into the Leslie family history began with viewing a picture of this tablet and wondering if my grandfather was related. After two trips to Barbados to visit the archives examining wills and baptism records, and using Ancestry.com web site, the lineage listed below was documented.

Rev. William Leslie b. 1637 Rector of St John's Parish Church 1653-1676

Married: Ann Forbes?

Col. John Leslie Esq. b. ? d. 8 March 1710  
Married: Katherine #1, Margaret #2

Brigadier General Henry Leslie Esq. b. circa 1694 d. 24 Nov 1762  
Married: Katherine

John Leslie (son: John Bowman Leslie – mention's father John in will)  
Married: Francis Callymore

Robert Collymore Leslie bapt. 14 Jan 1788  
Married: Sarah Parsons

John Henry Leslie b.28 July 1798  
Married: Susan/Susanna Leslie

Robert Henry Leslie bapt. 25 Dec 1821 St. Michael, Occupation: Blacksmith / Minister  
Married: Francis Seale

Joseph Henry Leslie bapt. 16 April 1845 Occupation: Butcher  
Married: Eleanor Browne

Arthur Robert Leslie b. 4 April 1886 d. 19 March 1967 Occupation: Store clerk in Barbados  
Immigrated to USA in 1901 at age 15 (maternal grandfather of Lewis Johnson)  
Occupation: Cotton-Bleachery Mill, Millville, NJ  
Married: Amy Gertrude Sinclair Watson immigrated to USA in 1911



Arthur Robert Leslie b. 30 Dec 1915 d. 17 July 1944  
Died in Normandy 29 Division, Third Army.  
Married: Janice Eilenberg

Arthur Robert Leslie b. 12 Dec 1944 d. 28 July 2010

Scott Leslie With no children, Scott is the last Leslie of the Arthur Robert Leslie line who emigrated from Barbados.

One source found online in Geni.com suggested that all early Leslies in Barbados originated from Rev. William Leslie. However, in the book *Barbados and Scotland Links 1627-1877* by David Dobson, there are several Leslies mentioned in the 1600s who do not appear to be related to Rev. Leslie:

Andrew Leslie, a militia officer

Alexander Leslie, a factor in Barbados and St. Kitts for Archibald Hay 1649.

Robert Leslie, a planter in St. Lucy Parish

The fact that other Leslies were in Barbados made the research all the more difficult. We made our trips to the archives in summer when we could get our vacation time. Unfortunately, the buildings are not air conditioned. The only place to offer some relief was a small microfiche room. The staff at the archives were very helpful and once we settled into our research, they brought book after book of handwritten ledgers. Some of the documents dated back to the late 1700s. Unfortunately, no photography is permitted and only pencil and paper were allowed.

The research into the Leslie's in Barbados was performed almost entirely by my wife Christine. She has researched her Corson, Jones, and Townsend family history in New Jersey going back to the early 1600s. She does not have family trees; instead she has a family forest. She is a tireless researcher and enjoys nothing more than wrestling with a genealogy question.



While I've provided information on the father-son connection of our Leslie family, I also have brothers-sisters of these immediate families. Christine and I would like to hear from anyone who thinks that they are related to this Leslie line.

**Lewis Johnson**

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**IN MEMORIAM: ALISTAIR YULE LESLIE**



Having fought the good fight, and running the race for 87 years, Alistair Yule Leslie, passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord on January 30, 2012 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Married for 65 years to "the love of his life," Ruth (McInnis). Beloved father of Brian (Linda), David (Rachelle), and Ron (Sue). Treasured grandpa of Hilary (Ian) Anderson, Jonathan, Katrina, Andrea, Matthew, Krista (Brian) Porter, Theresa, Michelle (Chris) Barr, Sara, and Randi. Great-grandpa to baby Joel Anderson. He was born October 5, 1924 to the late Alexander Yule and Euphemia Leslie (nee Ewing).

Cherished brother of Catherine Elizabeth Leslie of Windsor and the late Duncan Ewing Leslie. Also survived by cousins in the United States, William, David, Robert and Ian Leslie of the metro Detroit, Michigan area. After his retirement, Al's creative talents blossomed. He was an award winning member of Sun Parlor Woodcarvers and a published author. He published a book of his poems and musings, entitled *Reflections*, and set one of them to music, resulting in the hymn, *Silent Prayer*. Al was a veteran of WW II serving in the Royal Canadian Navy and was honored with a meaningful Veteran's Memorial Service under the auspices of Windsor Veteran's Memorial Service Committee on February 1. A funeral service was held in Windsor on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at Roseland United Church where Al was a long time member. Al was my cousin. He passed away 2 weeks ago in Windsor, our families were very close.

**David Leslie Canton, Michigan**

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**THE CLSI NEEDS A GENEALOGIST FOR AN EXCITING NEW SERVICE TO MEMBERS**

Joan Leslie Eike has served as our Genealogist for many years. For her service, we are most grateful. Joan has indicated that she would welcome the opportunity to pass the office on to someone else. So, I am asking for a volunteer to serve as our Genealogist. We are planning to post our family trees on Ancestry, but in a way that only CLSI members and authorized guests can view the information.

The CLSI Genealogist would be the "gatekeeper," and only the genealogist and anyone they may appoint as an assistant can add or change information. It is my understanding that contributors can designate their family tree as "private," which would limit access to their information. This is a new, bold step for the CLSI, but the Council is of the opinion that the membership would welcome this addition to what we have to offer.

The person or persons we are looking for will have a strong interest in Genealogy and some experience with the subject and with computerized family tree programs. Further, they should have enough time to devote to the project.

If you are interested in being appointed as the CLSI Genealogist, please drop me an email or phone. 817-346-3333.

**David Leslie White, Chieftain**

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**MARY STUART, QUEEN OF SCOTS, FEBRUARY 8, 1587**



On this day in infamy, an anointed queen was shamelessly and painfully put to death at the 'command' of another anointed queen. (I say 'command' because Elizabeth maintained she never gave the order, mechanically signing papers without reading them, much like other heads of state in history.)

Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, December 8, 1542 - February 8, 1587

**Susan Abernethy**

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**FIRST ROBERT BURNS SUPPER, LONGHORN ROOM OF THE STAGECOACH INN, SALADO, TEXAS**

The Central Texas Area Museum (CTAM), through its president, George Shott, hosted CTAM's first Robert Burns Supper in the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn, Salado, TX on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Noted Celtic Balladeer and CTAM friend, Jed Marum provided appropriate entertainment. The Piper and man who gave The Address to a Haggis was Dr. Martin A. Docherty, Lt. Col, Medical Corps, US Army Reserve. Martin hails from St. Louis, MO and originally was born in Scotland. He was serving a short tour of duty at the Carl R.

Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, TX when asked if he would Pipe and Address the Haggis. He was delighted to do so! After the Haggis was piped in and properly addressed, each table was required to provide a person to toast the Haggis.

My table decided that such an arduous task was to be performed by me! I hoped I was up to it as the Single Malt was a Speyside of 16 years age. Given the great importance of the task I gave it my best and was rewarded with a round of applause! During the "Loyal Toasts", I was again directed to give the toast for the table. My table's particular toast was to the Armed Forces of the United States. Since I am a retired Soldier and knowing that there was a large contingent of retired and former members of the US military present, I modified the toast by adding the word "Excellent" to the toast in front of the word "Armed". And a great, "Hear, hear!" resounded throughout the room! The dinner proceeded nicely until the Toast to the Lassies. Steve Wilson rendered a great tribute to the Lassies and received a hearty applause at the conclusion of the toast. The Dinner closed with us all singing "Auld Lang Syne." There were over 40 in attendance. Lynne and I enjoyed our and CTAM's first Robert Burns Supper.

**Frank Leslie, CLSI SW Region Convenor**

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### **REMEMBER THE ALAMO, MARCH 6, 1836**

The Alamo fell to the Mexican army under General Antonio Santa Anna on March 6, 1836. All 186 of the defenders inside the Alamo were killed, including Davy Crockett and James Bowie. What many people don't know is that over half of the defenders were Scots or of Scottish descent. Four had been born in Scotland. One of the Scots was John McGregor, the "Piper of the Alamo." Among the dead were two cousins, Robert B. Moore, (1781-1836) who was born in Martinsburg, Virginia, and immigrated to Texas by way of New Orleans. His cousin, Willis A Moore (1808-1836) was born in Raymond, Mississippi and joined the Texas army at Bexar on November 26, 1835.

**David Leslie**

**White**

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### **JOHN LESLIE BISHOP OF ROSS**



Portrait of John Leslie

**LESLIE, JOHN**, bishop of Ross, a distinguished statesman and historian, and a devoted adherent of Mary queen of Scots, born 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1526, is said to have been the son of Gavin Leslie, an eminent lawyer, fourth son of Alexander Leslie of Balquhain, in Aberdeenshire. There is reason to believe, however, that he was the illegitimate son of a priest of the same name. Knox, in his *Historie* (p. 283) calls him a "priest's get and bastard," and Bishop Keith, in his *Catalogue of Scottish Bishops* (p. 194), from documents quoted from the originals in the charter chest of Balquhain, inclines to think that he was the natural son of Gavin Leslie, parson of Kingussie. He was educated for the church at the University of Aberdeen, and in 1538 he obtained a dispensation, whereby he was allowed to hold a benefice, notwithstanding the defect in his birth. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 1546, he was appointed an acolyte, or inferior church officer, in the cathedral church of Aberdeen, and in the following year he was made a canon and prebendary. In 1549 he went to France, and studied the civil and canon laws at the universities of Poitiers, Toulouse, and Paris, at which latter place he took the degree of doctor of civil law and canon law. In 1554 he was ordered home by the queen regent, and on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1558 he was appointed official and vicar-general of the diocese of Aberdeen. On 2nd July 1559 he became parson of Oyne in the same county.

When the doctrines of the Reformation began to spread in Scotland, Leslie distinguished himself as a zealous advocate for the Romish church, and in the famous disputation held at Edinburgh, in 1560, he had for an antagonist no less a personage than John Knox, according to whom (*Hist.* p. 283), he was forced to confess that the only authority for the mass was that of the Pope. After the death of Francis II. of France, he was deputed by the chief men of the Popish religion to proceed to France to interest Queen Mary in their favour, and to invite her to Scotland, and arriving before the Protestant lords, he vainly

endeavoured to prejudice her mind against them and their cause. After a short stay he embarked in the retinue of the young queen at Calais, August 19, 1561; and on her majesty's return to Scotland, he was sworn of her privy council on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1564, and appointed one of the senators of the college of justice. shortly afterwards he was made abbot of Lindores, and on the death of Sinclair, bishop of Ross, in January 1565, he was promoted to that see. He was one of the sixteen commissioners appointed to form the Collection of the Laws and Statutes of the Realm, commonly called 'The Black Acts,' from the Saxon character in which they were printed, in 1566.

After Queen Mary's flight into England, Bishop Leslie was called by his ill-fated mistress into that kingdom to manage and advise in her affairs. He was one of the commissioners chosen, in 1568, to defend her cause in the conference at York, which he did with consummate ability. He was subsequently sent as her ambassador to Elizabeth; but finding that no attention was paid to her complaints, he began to form projects for Mary's escape, and engaged in the unfortunate negotiation for her marriage with the duke of Norfolk, which led to that nobleman's execution for treason. Leslie himself, notwithstanding he pleaded his character and privileges as an ambassador, was, in May 1571, committed prisoner, first to the Isle of Ely, and afterwards to the Tower of London. In January 1574, at the request of the king of France, he was set at liberty, when he retired to the Continent. In 1575 he went to Rome, by the advice of his mistress, where he remained three years, and published there his History of the Scottish nation, in Latin, dedicated to the then Pope Gregory XIII. He afterwards went to France, in the hope of being serviceable to Queen Mary. He next proceeded into Germany, and fruitlessly endeavoured to enlist the emperor and several other princes in her cause. On this occasion he acted as temporary nuncio from the Pope. In 1578 he was thrown into prison at Falsburgh, in mistake for the archbishop of Rosanna, an Italian prelate, who was proceeding to Cologne as legate from the Pope; and was only released on payment of 3,000 pistoles. His portrait, from one in Pinkerton's Scottish Gallery, is subjoined:

Having returned into France, he was, in 1579, made vicar-general of the archbishopric of Rouen, and in 1590 was again arrested during a visitation of that diocese, and obliged to pay a large ransom, to prevent his being delivered up to Queen Elizabeth. In 1593 he was advanced to the vacant bishopric of Coutances, in Lower Normandy, but he never got peaceable possession of the see, and at length he retired from the cares and disappointments of the world into the monastery of Guirtenburg, near Brussels, where he died, May 31, 1596. A monument to his memory was erected, by his nephew, over his grave in that monastery. Part of his wealth he appropriated to the foundation of three colleges at Rome, Paris, and Douay.

His works are:

Defence of the Honour of Mary Queen of Scotland; with a Declaration of her Right, Title, and Interest, to the Crown of England; and concerning the Regiment of Women. Liege, 1571, 8vo. This was immediately suppressed.

Pro Libertate Impetranda, Oratio ad Elizabetham angliae Reginam. Paris. 1574, 8vo.

Afflicti Animi consolationes, et Tranquilli Animi conversatio, libri duo ad D. Mariam Scotorum Reginam. Paris, 1574, 8vo.

De Origine, Moribus, et Rebus Gestis Scotorum. romae, 1575, 1578, 4to. With this History, which is carried down to Queen Mary's return from France in 1561, were published, Paraenesis ad Nobilitatem Populumque Scotorum; and Regionum et Insularum Scotiae, Descriptio.

De Titulo et Jure Sereniss. Principis Mariae Scotorum Reginae, quo Angliae Successionum Jure sibi vindicat. Rheims, 1580, 4to. The same in English, entitled A Treatise touching the Right, Title, and Interest, as well of the most excellent Princease, Marye Queene of Scotland, and the most noble Kyng Iames, her Grace's Sonne, to the Succession of the Crowne of England. And first, touching the Genealogie and Pedegrue of suche competitors as pretend Title to the same Crowne, 8vo. in French, under the title of du Droit et Titre de la Sereniss. Princesse Marie, Royne d'Escosse, et Prince Jacques VI. Roy d'Escosse, à la Succession du royaume d'Angleterre. Rouen, 1587, 8vo.

De Illustrium Foeminarum in Republica Administranda, Autoritate. Rhem. 1580, 4to.

The History of Scotland, from the Death of James I. in 1436, to the year 1561; written in the Scottish vernacular, during his confinement in the Tower, for the use of Queen Mary. This work was published, with a portrait of Leslie, for the Bannatyne Club in 1830, from a manuscript in possession of the earl of Leven and Melville.

Reference:

Electric Scotland, Clan Leslie History [http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/leslie\\_john1.htm](http://www.electricscotland.com/history/other/leslie_john1.htm)  
**David Leslie White**



## **LESLIE TENTS AT HIGHLAND GAMES, SCOTTISH FESTIVALS AND FAMILY GATHERINGS.**

This list is made up from information supplied by our many dedicated members who give of their weekends to have a Clan Leslie Tent at Games and festivals all over the world. They share our great family history with visitors who are interested in Scotland and specifically the Clan Leslie. These Tent Hosts are mostly responsible for adding new members to our Society.

### **OKLAHOMA**

**APRIL 27, 28, 29**

**Linda Flowers** will be hosting a tent at the 2012 Iron Thistle Scottish Festival and Highland Games at the Kirkpatrick Family Farm in Yukon, Oklahoma.

### **MISSOURI**

**APRIL 13-15 MISSOURI TARTAN DAY**



**Laura Sawyer Messing**

Missouri Tartan Day Festivities is April 13, 14, and 15, 2012 in Frontier Park, St. Charles, Missouri. It's a free, family-friendly festival. I'm flying in from Boston for the event. I won't be hosting a tent, but we will be answering the call on Friday evening, if anyone feels like coming out!

<http://www.motartanday.com/>

### **TEXAS**

**Frank W. Leslie, Southwest Region Convenor, plans to host a CLSI tent in 2012 at the following events:**

**MARCH 10-11 MIDLAND SCOTTISH-IRISH FAIRE**

[http://www.chspb.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=4&Itemid=5](http://www.chspb.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4&Itemid=5) 2012 Midland, TX

**MARCH 31 TO APRIL 1, SAN ANTONIO HIGHLAND GAMES**

<http://sahga.org/> San Antonio, TX

**MAY 4-6 TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES** Maverick Stadium - University of Texas  
Arlington

<http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/registration.htm> 4-6 May 2012 Arlington, TX

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

**APRIL 20-22, 2012 LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Rural Hill, Huntersville NC

**Lewis and Christine Johnson** will be hosting the CLSI tent this year at the Loch Norman Highland Games.

We encourage all CLSI members to join us in celebrating our Scottish heritage at the games. This is a huge event and gets the spring season off to a good start in the southeast region. <http://ruralhillscottishfestivals.net/>

**APRIL 27-28, 2010 TRIAD HIGHLAND GAMES**

The "Triad" consists of Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem in the Piedmont of NC. Come enjoy Bagpipes, Dancing, Clans, Scottish Heavy Athletics, Sword demonstrations, Gaelic, Military Appreciation, Bag Pipe Bands, Living history, Sheep dogs, and much more, at Bryan Park in Greensboro, NC. USA. This is a small local event and this will be the first time CLSI has had a tent at this event in many years. Please join **Lew and Christine Johnson** in the CLSI tent. <http://www.triadhiglandgames.org/>

**JULY 12-15 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

MacRae Meadows, near Linville, North Carolina. **Lewis and Christine Johnson** will be hosting the Clan Leslie Tent. <http://www.grandfathergames.com/>

## ONTARIO, CANADA

### MAY 5

Starting at 9:30 am on Saturday at Leslieville, Toronto. This is planned as a Saturday event with a pot luck lunch. A low cost event where we can share some Leslie history and tour historical Leslie sites. We would like to get an indication of the number who will attend, so please let me know now if you will be able to attend. Joanne Doucette, historian of Leslieville will be doing a presentation on the most famous Leslie in Toronto's history, George Leslie, and leading a walking tour of the historical Leslie sites. William Leslie, Commissioner, Clan Leslie, North America will make a presentation on the origin of the Family of Leslie, the Clan Leslie and the Clan Leslie Society International.

William Leslie [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

## MICHIGAN

### MAY 26-27

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Alma Highland Festival and Games.

David C. and Rosemary Leslie are hosting a clan tent at the Alma College campus in Alma, Michigan. Dates are May 26 and 27, 2012. (Sat & Sun of Memorial Day weekend). The Clan tent will only be on Saturday, May 26 hosted by David and Rosemary Leslie. Parade of Tartans will commence at 12:30 PM Saturday. Alma website is [www.almahighlandfestival.com](http://www.almahighlandfestival.com)

David Leslie of Canton, Michigan

## CALIFORNIA

### MAY 28 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. UNITED SCOTTISH SOCIETY'S SCOTSFEST IN ORANGE

COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. Susan Abernethy will portray Mary Queen of Scots at the Clan Leslie Tent.

Susan Abernethy <http://www.scotsfest.com/>

**JUNE 25th & 26th. SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES, VISTA, CALIFORNIA.** CLSI will be represented for the 36<sup>th</sup> time at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games on June 26 and 27 in Vista, CA.

Susan Abernethy <http://www.sdhighlandgames.org/>

## UTAH

### JUNE 8, 9

Jordan Hinckley will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games at Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah. [www.utahscots.org](http://www.utahscots.org)

Jordan will also be participating in the Kirkin O' the Tartan in the Hidden Valley Presbyterian Church in Draper Utah the following Sunday June 10th.

## ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND

### JULY 21-22

#### FREENS o REID HARLAW FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

The Freens are having a formal dinner on the Saturday 21st July at the Pittodrie House, Macdonald Hotel and a Memorial Service at Chapel of Garioch Church on Sunday 22nd July at 11.00am. The service will follow the format used by the Leslies but will be adapted to include all the Clans that attended the Battle. Contact **David Leslie from Leslie.**

### AUGUST 04.

**The Green, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.** David Leslie will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent at the Aboyne Games. All Leslies and Septs of Leslie will be most welcome along with any others. **David Leslie from Leslie**

<http://www.aboynegames.com/information/location/>

## WASHINGTON

### JULY 14-15

Skagit Valley Highland Games, Mount Vernon, Washington State Their Web Site is <http://celticarts.org/> Steve Olling will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent.

### JULY 14-15

66th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, Enumclaw, Washington State. Their Web Site is <http://www.sshqa.org/> Steve Olling will be hosting a Clan Leslie Tent.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

SEPTEMBER 21, 22 AND 23

### Clan Leslie Gathering, Loon Mountain, Lincoln, New Hampshire

You will definitely want to make the Clan Leslie Gathering part of a larger New England vacation, since September is a gorgeous time to visit our region and there is no shortage of things to do. The weather is perfect for wearing all of your Leslie Tartan at the festival. In the meantime, visit some of the websites I've provided below to start getting a picture of the festival, area and surroundings. The file attached to this Grip Fast Online has every detail that you need to make a decision, including hotel information and road maps.

**Laura Sawyer Messing**

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## GEORGIA

**OCTOBER 19-21** Stone Mountain, Georgia. **Cathy Duling**, President of the South East Branch of the CLSI will be hosting the Clan Leslie Tent. <http://www.smhg.org/>

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### CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS APPROVED

The results of the voting for changes to our Bylaws are that all three changes were approved. The approved changes remove several restrictions, so that now Council members can hold more than one office. Also, now Associate members can hold elective office, with the exception of the Chieftain who must be a Lineal member. Associate members include "Any person who is married to a lineal member, or was married to a deceased member, or is legally adopted by a lineal member."

**David Leslie White**

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### 2014 HOMECOMING GATHERING, STIRLING

There will be an International Clan Gathering in Stirling in early July 2014 as part of the 2nd Year of Homecoming. This will coincide with the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. Lord Jamie Sempill has confirmed plans for this event in July 2014.

**William Leslie** [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

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### CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL – SCHOLARSHIPS

CLSI is offering scholarships to our members. We have two different types of scholarships. One is an academic scholarship valued at \$250. The deadline for the next scholarship is November 30 with the award of one scholarship being made on January 15. The second type of scholarship is for Scottish or Celtic Programs. The amount of this scholarship is \$200 and can be applied for any time. It will cover things such as bagpiping camp, dance, the arts, etc. The person applying for all scholarships must be a member or inceptor member of CLSI. For more information contact:

**Linda Flowers, CLSI Scholarship Committee,** [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

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### NEXT PUBLICATIONS TO MEMBERS

March 2012 – The *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

April 2012 – The *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

May 2012 – The *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

June 2012 – The *Grip Fast Online Newsletter*.

July 2012 – The *Grip Fast, the Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International*

Please continue to send us your stories. We are recording **your history** and we cannot do it without your input. Send us stories and pictures of your Scottish ancestors or your North American family; we really need them.

Note the number of different clan members who have contributed to this issue.

The *Griffin* will be published when we have enough stories to warrant a printing. We do need *Griffin* stories. These are usually well researched stories which include references and sources preferably illustrated with some photographs.

**William Leslie, Editor** [william.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:william.leslie@sympatico.ca)

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## CLAN LESLIE ITEMS FROM THE QUARTERMASTER PETER M. LESLIE, QUARTERMASTER, CLSI

Clan Leslie items for sale are listed on our clan website, [www.clanlesliesociety.org](http://www.clanlesliesociety.org). Click on the Leslie Badges, Crests and Flags link. The list of items includes a description, price, and photo along with how to order. All prices are in \$US and include postage and packaging. The Clan Leslie items now available for sale are listed below.

- 1) Grip Fast - The Leslies in History, a beautifully hardbound book, detailing the Leslie clan from its inception (290 pages), authored by Alexander Leslie Klieforth and signed by our Clan Chief, The Honourable Alexander Leslie. Price \$66.00 (**\$59 for Christmas**)
- 2) Post Cards-Two styles. One style contains King Malcolm's promise to Bartolf and the origination of our clan name; and the other style provides open space for your personal notes. Please specify which style you prefer. \$5.00 for a package of 25 post cards.
- 3) Grip Fast Pin -- \$3.00
- 4) Grip Fast Patch -- \$3.00

The post cards were developed by Laura Messing and can be used by members to tell family and friends of upcoming Scottish events, to recruit prospective CLSI members and to help increase interest in all events Scottish. Also, a **free** packet of "giveaway" postcards is available for those Convenors/Tent Hosts who host a CLSI tent.

Payment should be made to Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer,  
302 SW 3rd, Tuttle, OK, 73089, USA. [lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lflowjingo@sbcglobal.net)

Peter M. Leslie, [scotslad1@yahoo.com](mailto:scotslad1@yahoo.com)



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## MEMBERS OVER 85 YEARS OF AGE

Did you know that if you have been a member of Clan Leslie Society International for at least 10 years and reach the age of 85, the CLSI will continue your membership without further payment of annual dues?

**Contact Linda Flowers**

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## CLAN LESLIE

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## CLAN LESLIE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL - ELECTED (COUNCIL) AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

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# Clan Leslie Society International 2012 Biennial Gathering

New Hampshire Highland Games; Loon Mountain Ski Resort; Lincoln, NH; Sept. 21-23, 2012

Gathering Reservations Questions? Please email Laura Messing at [designinvasion@gmail.com](mailto:designinvasion@gmail.com)

Please complete and mail this form with your payment to:

Linda Flowers, CLSI Treasurer, 302 SW 3rd, Tuttle, OK 73089

## IMPORTANT!

Reservations must be received by Linda Flowers no later than **Friday, July 6, 2012.**

**Names-Adults** (please print names as you wish them to appear on the name tags)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

3. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

4. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_XXL

**Names-Children** (12 years and under) (All t-shirt sizes are in adult sizes)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M

2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_S \_\_M

## Address Information

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100.00 USD = \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$70.00 USD = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Options:

1. Check in US funds made out to CLSI
2. Pay by PayPal to LFLOWERS1954@yahoo.com
3. Pay by Visa, Master Card or Discover.

**Charge my:** \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_ Discover

Cardholder Name (as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be Charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Three Digit Security Code (on the back of your card) \_\_\_\_\_

Outside the US, indicate cost in USD\$ and the company will convert.

## Banquet Entrée (please select 1)

Please indicate your choice of entree(s) for the banquet on Saturday night. **Note:** Please use this entree selection only for the **adults**. A children's menu is available and orders will be taken at the table. A vegetarian selection will also be available to order at the table. All entrees come with a garden salad, fresh baked rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans amandine, coffee, tea, soda and your choice of dessert, see below.)

(No) \_\_\_\_\_ **Filet Mignon**

(No) \_\_\_\_\_ **Stuffed NH Maple Chicken**

(a crispy fried chicken breast stuffed with traditional walnut bread stuffing topped with a brandied maple demi glace)

## Dessert (please select 1)

(No) \_\_\_\_\_ **Chocolate Cake** (No) \_\_\_\_\_ **House-Made Apple Crisp**